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EXECUTION
OF THE

Two Jesuits,

Drawn, Hang'd, and Quartered at

TYBURN,

On Friday the 24th of January, 1678.

For HIGH TREASON.

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WILLIAM IRELAND

AND

JOHN GROVE.

With their Carriage and Behaviour.

Tantum Religio potuit suadere Malorum?

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Could it be imagined, that it could ever enter into the heart of Man to commit Murder under a Conceit of Religion; or for God's sake Traiterously to kill not only God's Image, but his Vicegerent too? Could it be thought, that under the most obliging, best-natur'd, and gracious Prince in the World, any persons could be found so profligately wicked, as to Conspire against his Life? And this too amongst a sort of men that have made such mighty boasts of their Loyalty! What Sentiments must we have of such People? Or how can we express their Tempers better, than in that Expostulation of the Reverend Author of The Practice of Piety? P. 783.

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If they are Saints, who be Scythians? Who are Cannibals, if they Catholicks?

On *Tuesday* the 14th. of *Decemb.* 1678, there were Three of these Romish Emissaries, on a most fair and equal Tryal, Condemned to die, not in the least for their Religion, unless Treason and Murder be an essential constitutive part of it; not for being Roman Catholicks (as they absurdly love to call themselves) nor for being Popish Priests, or seducing good Subjects to their Idolatrous and Traiterous Principles: though both these latter Facts they know are made Capital by our most necessary Laws, for preservation of the Government. 'Twas not, I say, for any of these Causes; and therefore let not any of their Party at home or abroad, who make Lies their Refuge, and devote all their Endeavours to misrepresent things, cry out, as they were wont to do, and too lately, with an impudence to be equal'd by nothing but their malice, have done, That the poor innocent Catholicks are prosecuted, persecuted, martyr'd, &c. for their Religion.

But to satisfy all the World, Be it known, they were Apprehended, Tryed, Convicted and Condemned for the highest of Crimes; for it was a crime of the same species that at first made Angels Devils, I mean Treason, High Treason, aggravated to the highest pitch; being not only to destroy our establish'd Religion, but likewise subvert the Government, and in order

der thereunto to Murther His Most Gracious Majesty, our Sovereign Lord the King (whom, may the Hand of Heaven, as hitherto through a Thousand dangers from different Factions, so ever protect, and long preserve.)

As for the qualities of these persons, we have little to say ; If any of them were well descended, or related, we are sorry they should not retain that loyalty and vertue which had added luster to their Ancestors. One of them was without dispute of the Jesuits Order, and a man of parts ; the other two (as far as I can learn) but Lay brothers of the Society : The first instigated the last to the horrid attempt : But as to particulars of the proof, I refer the Reader to a peculiar Narrative, which is expected from Authority, of the whole procedure.

The Holy-days intervening, and upon some other important considerations, they had a large time allowed them for Repentance, and fitting themselves for Death ; but on *Friday* the 24th of this instant *January*, two of them, viz. *William Ireland* and *John Grove* were brought to Execution (the other, for good reasons, being for the present respited) : They were drawn both together in one Sledge, with White Hats, and Grey-Clothes ; one of them had a Book in his hand, and was often observ'd to whisper to the other.

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By the vast multitudes that crouded to see them pass, and the general sense of the people, it was apparent how zealous the English Nation in general, and this famous City in particular, are in their respects to his Majesty, and how concern'd to bring all those to just punishment that shall any way make attempts against His Sacred person, or endeavour to destroy the Protestant Religion, and introduce abominable Popery, which can never be effected without subversion of the Government.

At the place of Execution, they said something, as Prayers; but otherwise talked little that could be heard, by reason of the vast throng of Spectators; and so suffered most deservedly according to the dreadful sentence.

But since there is so much talk of *Jesuits*, and indeed not only we, but all *Europe*, has reason enough to beware of them; It may not be amiss to give the Reader some account of the Original of those troublesome Companions, how long they have been in the World, and who was their Founder.

The person that Instituted them, was *Ignatius Loyola*, a Spanish Soldier, in the year 1540. He had been a fellow debauched in his youth, and having spent all his Patrimony, grew so devout, as to set up for a New Order, whom blasphemously he called, *The Fellows, Companions, or the Society of Jesus*; and amongst other

other Provisions, besides the three Vows of *Chastity*, *Poverty*, and *Obedience*, establishd, That all Members thereof should take another special Vow — That ~~whatever the Roman Bishop for the time being shall Com-~~
~~mand, they shall execute the same without Tergiversation~~
~~or excuse.~~ This was just after *Luther* began the Re-
 formation; and the Pope having need of such trusty
 sticklers, you may be sure encouraged them: but that
 which made them first famous, was, Teaching of Schools,
 which they discharged with great diligence and dexte-
 rity; thereby, not only engaging Parties, but also im-
 printing a lasting veneration in Youth: for that Socie-
 ty under which they had been bred. To tell you all
 the Lying Miracles they attribute to this *Catholick*
Lance-presade, requires a Volume. I shall only ven-
 ture to shew one piece of their impudence, in the de-
 testable words of *Valderama*, one of that Order, *de*
Canoniz. Loyola, p. 51.

'Tis not to be wondred, that *Moses* did very
 great Miracles, for he wrought them by the power
 of the Name of God, engraven in his staff: Nor is it
 any more that the Apostles did so many wonders,
 when all was done in the Name of God. But that
 our blessed *Ignatius* should, with his own Name
 written in a piece of paper, do more Miracles than
Moses and all the Apostles put together, this indeed
 raises in us an excess of Admiration for him. For

For my part, I judge the greatest Miracle
 we are beholden to him for, is, That he has
 set up such a mischievous Gang, so destru-
 ctive wherever they come to Government,
 and yet Christendom should suffer them to
 mightily to increase. --- The said Loyola's Mor-
 to was, *Exeque nobis Principes*, where you
 you see us; look to you. This is the
 honestest trick that ever I heard of from a
 Jesuit; 'tis fair warning, and they may well
 be laught at that will not take it.

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